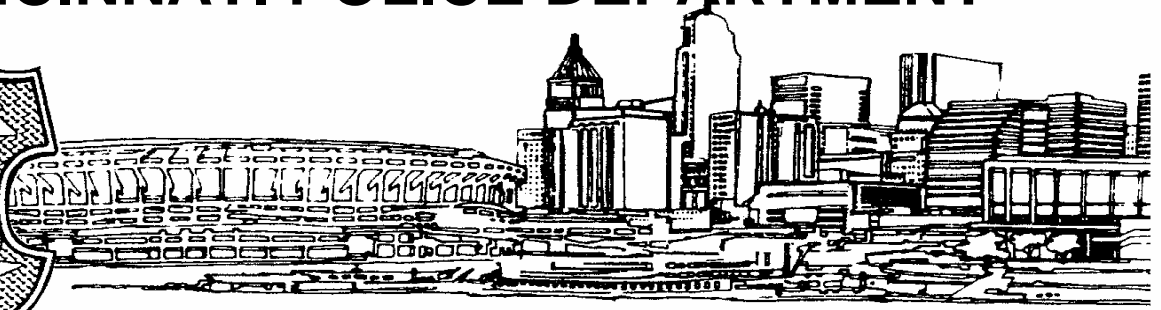


CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT



STAFF NOTES

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
June 22, 2004

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
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1. ACCESS FOR DISABLED PERSONS WITH SERVICE ANIMALS

The Governor's Council on People with Disabilities (GCPD) wants to inform law enforcement agencies of the rights of the disabled who depend on service animals.

State law is clear and makes it a 4th degree misdemeanor to deny service to a disabled person with a service animal. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, which supersedes State law, the disabled person has greater protection and can file a charge with the Department of Justice, ultimately resulting in the law enforcement agency losing federal dollars. The GCPD states that if and when such an incident occurs, the law enforcement officer must inform the denying party of the rights of the disabled person. If the denying person continues to refuse service to the disabled person, the disabled person has the right to request the denying party be arrested.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Mr. Robert D. Knight, GCPD at (740)568-0527 or robknight@wscc.edu.

2. PROHIBITION FROM ENFORCING 713-5(a), SIGN SUPPORTS USED BY DEMONSTRATORS ON FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Pending the resolution of a current court case, officers are not permitted to enforce CMC 713-5(a) as it relates to demonstrators carrying sign supports on Fountain Square. While this temporary restraining order is in effect, persons engaging in activity protected by the First Amendment, while on Fountain Square, shall be permitted to support or elevate signs or banners on wooden sticks. The stick may not be more than two inches in width or three-quarters of an inch in diameter, one quarter inch in thickness, and forty inches in length. Furthermore, any wooden stick used to support a sign or banner shall be blunt on both ends. This order will be in effect until further notice is given from the court.

3. REDS ROOKIE SUCCESS LEAGUE

The Cincinnati Reds have joined with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC), Tri-Health, and the Cincinnati Police and Fire Departments to offer a non-competitive co-ed baseball league for inner-city children. Reds Rookie Success League (RRSL) gives eight and nine year old children the opportunity to participate in a sports program that also provides mentoring for social and educational development and character enhancement. RRSL supplies all the necessary equipment, transportation and instruction, which include the participation of Reds' coaches and players.

The Reds Rookie Success League is modeled after San Francisco's Junior Giants, which for nine years has helped children to build their character on the four pillars of teamwork, leadership, confidence and integrity.

The Leagues will begin in July and there are still openings for volunteer coaches. Any member of the Police Department who wishes to volunteer should contact James Garges at 352-4006. Additional information on this and other programs can be found on the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's website.

4. THANK YOU LETTERS

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes are several thank you letters written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by officers in our Department.

Chief of Police
Cincinnati Ohio
District Five, Ludlow Ave.

June 18, 2004

Dear Chief

Thanks to a certain Officer for the assistance that she rendered to me on the morning of June 12, 2004 about 1:30 A.M..

My truck would not shift into gear on Hamilton ave. at College Hill Presbyterian Church, north bound center turn lane. Officer Love responded while I was trying to remedy the problem with my vehicle. She was patient, professional and even dialed her phone for me. A wrecker bill would have been expensive and all I really wanted to do was to move my vehicle from the middle of the street. I asked Officer Love to push my vehicle with hers, front bumper to front bumper, into the Church lot.

We got my truck safely off of the street and into the parking lot of College Hill Presbyterian Church. The next day (or daylight) I was able to drive my truck home after quick repairs. Thanks.

Sincerely Yours,
Nick Stenger
7704 Harrison Ave
Mt. Healthy, Ohio



June 7, 2004

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Police Chief
Cincinnati Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Dr.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Chief,


The 2004 Taste of Cincinnati is now history and what a great event it turned out to be. A large part of the success was due to the outstanding work of the Cincinnati Police Department. Captain Jim Whalen, Lieutenant Mark Vennemeier, Sergeant Mary Lee Neudigate, and Police Officer Scott Krauser attended every planning meeting over the last five months and directed the activities over the three day Memorial weekend. The Police Detail looked sharp and demonstrated their professionalism repeatedly.


The coordination of a three-day event covering such a large area and with such a large crowd requires precision in all aspects and that is exactly what the Cincinnati Police accomplished. The street closure on Friday night was flawless due to a new entry and staging procedure designed by the Special Events Unit. The police officers assigned over the three-day event were well dispersed and able to prevent problems by quick action rather than waiting for problems to develop. Sunday brought the threat of severe weather and your personnel put together a very impressive contingency plan with safe zones for everyone had the need arisen. Captain Whalen and Lieutenant Vennemeier regularly updated the committee and were open to any and all questions and suggestions.

On Memorial Day a ceremony was held to honor our past and present military personnel and their sacrifices to provide us freedom. The parents of Matt Maupin, our local soldier being held hostage in Iraq, were in attendance and commented on how professional the Cincinnati Police were. Your personnel provided the parade with a motorcycle escort, color guard, mounted patrol and Police Officer Dave Weidel to sing the National Anthem. Dave Weidel provides a whole new dimension of what police officers are about. He is a very accomplished singer and provides the Cincinnati Police Department with a superb ambassador. The collective presence, sharp appearance and precision drill by your officers was most impressive.

Please accept our appreciation for the outstanding effort provided by the Cincinnati Police Department to make the 2004 Taste of Cincinnati such a great success. This was truly a job well done.

Sincerely,


Dale J. Merkhaus
Chairman


Patrick Sheeran
Vice-President
Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce

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June 11, 2004

Chief Thomas H. Streicher Jr.
Cincinnati Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Dear Chief Streicher,

The 2004 XTEMS Tactical EMS School that was held on April 26, 2004 through April 30, 2004 was a huge success. We wanted to take the opportunity to thank you and your staff for your contribution and mention that your support and dedication to providing the highest level of training is the reason for its success. We also wanted to extend a special thanks to Lieutenant Doug Ventre, Sergeant Randy Rengering, Sergeant Chris Ruehmer, Specialist Tim Tanner, Officer John Rose, Officer Ron Janke, Officer Angie Vance and Officer Phil Stoup for their outstanding performance and hard work. The reputation of the course for a high quality, physically demanding and educational opportunity is growing nationally. For our second year, we have gained tremendous ground through networking and have built a relationship that continues to grow. We are excited about the opportunities that await us.

We are honored to work with such a group of motivated and enthusiastic professionals who strive to surpass benchmarks and continue to be the reason we remain on the forefront of Tactical EMS.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Otto J. Huber
Fire Chief
XTEMS Course Administrator



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June 7, 2004

The Honorable Charlie Luken
Mayor, City of Cincinnati
801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Charlie,

I want to commend the Cincinnati Police Department for working collaboratively with representatives from the University of Cincinnati and area community councils in preparing for Cinco De Stratford. While I would not suggest that the situation is resolved, I am certain that the combined efforts of the entities mentioned above resulted in a relatively peaceful month of May around campus.

The support from you, members of city council, the police department, and the administration were important in gaining the outcome we all worked toward. I look forward to continuing this positive relationship as we work on the myriad issues and opportunities associated with the Uptown.

Best wishes and continued success to the mayor of one of this nation's Most Livable Cities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy L. Zimpher'.

Nancy L. Zimpher
President

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C: Valerie Lemme
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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Col. Thomas Streicher, Jr.
Chief of Police, City of Cincinnati
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45214

June 11, 2004

Dear Chief:

Please allow me to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Sgt. Mike Brown and his team of officers in District Two for the professional manner they handled a situation on the evening of June 10, 2004.

On the evening in question, Xavier University was hosting the Harmony High School Graduation in the Schiff Family Banquet Center in the Cintas Center. The center seats approximately 800 guests and should have been more than enough spaces to handle the 82 graduates and their families. Unexpectedly over 1,400 people showed up to attend the commencement, and due to fire codes we were forced to close the doors. As you can imagine, late arriving parents became outraged and the emotional charged crowd become disorderly and abusive. They demanded entry and threatened to "tear the doors open" if they were not permitted access.

At that point, I personally contacted your department and asked for several units to assist with crowd control until we could find space for the parents.

Your officers responded quickly, and I found Sgt. Mike Brown and his dedicated officers to be professional, sensitive to our concerns and willing to assist well above and beyond the normal call of duty. They treated the crowd with dignity, respect and empathy.

Please extend my thanks and gratitude to Sgt. Brown and his team of officers who assisted that night; please let them know that their efforts and professionalism were greatly appreciated by Xavier University!

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Couch".

Col. Michael L. Couch
Chief of Campus Police
Xavier University